

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 203

Introduced by Assembly Member Garcia
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Benoit and Bogh)
(Coauthor: Senator Battin)

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 203—Relative to the California National Guard “Adopt an Armory” program.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 203, as introduced, Garcia. California National Guard: “Adopt an Armory” program.

This measure would commend the California National Guard Strategic Planning Council for establishing the “Adopt an Armory” program for the restoration of California National Guard armories, and would urge the public to support the program.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, The California National Guard’s armories are in
2 desperate need of repair. The Facility Directorate at the Joint
3 Forces Headquarters, Office of the Adjutant General, estimates
4 that more than \$30 million in repairs and upgrades are needed
5 collectively for the 119 armories; and
6 WHEREAS, When soldiers return to their home armories,
7 many will return to duty conditions that are in many ways not
8 much better than those under which they served during their
9 deployment in Iraq and Afghanistan; and
10 WHEREAS, Major General Paul D. Monroe and the National
11 Guard created the California National Guard Strategic Planning

1 Council to address long range plans and policy for the army and
2 national guard. After completing a comprehensive review of
3 armories, the Strategic Planning Council created the “Adopt an
4 Armory” program, the brainchild of State Military Reserve
5 Colonel Tom Freeman; and

6 WHEREAS, The concept of the “Adopt an Armory” program
7 involves getting communities to be partners with local armories so
8 both communities and armories benefit. The armory is renewed,
9 and in return, the community is able to utilize the facility for
10 projects, events, and activities; and

11 WHEREAS, There are three ways to adopt an armory under the
12 program: (1) an individual or community group may volunteer
13 labor and materials to upgrade an existing armory; (2) local
14 contractors, suppliers, or professionals may donate resources,
15 expertise, or services; and (3) the armory’s soldiers may improve
16 their armory with communitywide donations and resources; and

17 WHEREAS, The “Adopt an Armory” program is still in its
18 infant stages, with volunteers coming forward at the Indio,
19 Torrance, and Banning armories. The Riverside CBS television
20 station took the lead in adopting armories in Indio and Banning,
21 and prominent corporations and Riverside businesses are also
22 stepping forward to upgrade the armories; and

23 WHEREAS, The Mayors of Indio, Banning, and Corona have
24 pledged to support the restoration of armories, with the assistance
25 of Senator Battin and Assembly Members Bogh, Benoit, and
26 Garcia; now, therefore, be it

27 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
28 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature of the State of California
29 commend the California National Guard Strategic Planning
30 Council for its initiative in creating the “Adopt an Armory”
31 program and its dedication to the men and women serving in the
32 California National Guard armories; and be it further

33 *Resolved*, That the Legislature urges the members of the public
34 to support the “Adopt an Armory” program for the restoration of
35 national guard armories; and be it further

36 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
37 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.